

## 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## 2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 WILLIAM MASSAQUOI,

Case No. 2:25-cv-00444-JAD-MDC

4 Plaintiff

## ORDER

5 v.

6 NEV. BOARD OF PAROLE,

7 Defendant

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9 On March 12, 2025, pro se plaintiff William Massaquoi, an inmate in the custody  
10 of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
11 and filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1, 1-1). However,  
12 Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete because he did not file  
13 his application on this Court's approved form. The Court will deny Plaintiff's application  
14 without prejudice and give Plaintiff the opportunity to correct this deficiency **by May 9,**  
15 **2025.**

16 I. DISCUSSION

17 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees  
18 from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee  
19 for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55  
20 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the  
21 fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*." Nev.  
22 Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate  
23 must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed  
24 **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the  
25 Court's approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a  
26 completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is  
27 properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the  
28 inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month

1 period. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis*  
2 status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means  
3 that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

4 **II. CONCLUSION**

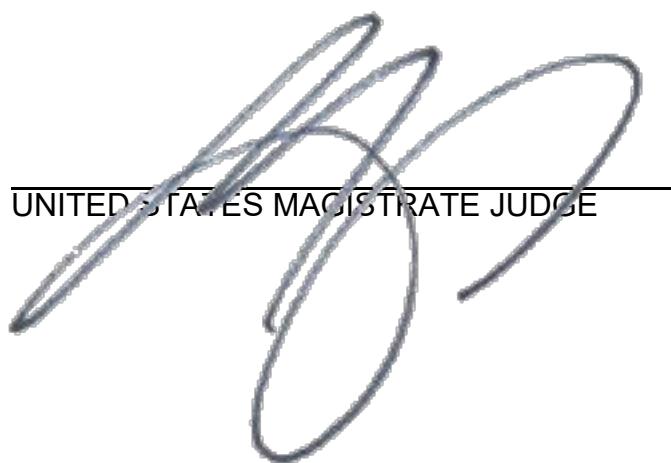
5 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No.  
6 1) is denied without prejudice.

7 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until May 9, 2025**, to either pay the full \$405  
8 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three  
9 required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page  
10 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the prison or  
11 jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous  
12 six-month period.

13 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
14 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff  
15 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a  
16 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

17 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff this Court's approved form  
18 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate with instructions.

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20 DATED: March 17, 2025

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23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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